

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF AUXIER)	CASE NO. 7897-P
ROAD GAS COMPANY, INC.)	

O R D E R

On April 23, 1981, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 7897 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased.

On April 12, 1983, Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc., ("Auxier") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas would be decreased by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission.

After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) Auxier's notice of April 12, 1983, set out certain revisions in rates which Auxier proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to pass on two wholesale decreases in price from its supplier in the combined amount of \$17,654 or 25.6 cents per Mcf.

(2) Auxier's wholesale cost of gas was decreased by Columbia effective March 1, 1983, in the amount of .7 cents per Mcf. Auxier did not file an application for permission to track this decrease thus resulting in an overcollection from its customers. Auxier should report to the Commission the amount overcollected from its customers during the period from March 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund the same amount to its customers.

(3) Columbia notified Auxier of an additional wholesale decrease to be effective April 1, 1983, in the amount of 24.9 cents per Mcf. Due to the retroactive nature of this decrease, Auxier should report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from April 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections to its customers.

(4) Auxier's adjustment in rates under the purchased gas adjustment provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 7897 dated April 23, 1981, is fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be effective with gas supplied on and after April 1, 1983.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in the Appendix to this Order be and they hereby are authorized effective with gas supplied on and after April 1, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for the purpose of the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Auxier, the base rate for purchased gas shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. \$5.760 per Mcf

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 60 days of the date of this Order Auxier shall report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from March 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Auxier shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of April, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 7897-P DATED APRIL 26, 1983

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

First	1,000 cu. ft.	\$8.408 Minimum Bill
All Over	1,000 cu. ft.	7.608 per 1,000 cu. ft.